Rationalisation of Imports

848. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working out a new strategy for boosting the country's exports in the light of the new export-import policy which seeks to further rationalise imports;

(b) whether any discussion was held on the 20th April, 1988 with the Export Promotion Councils, Chambers of Commerce and Commodity Boards to chalk out export promotion measures; and

(c) if so what were the other suggestions discussed at the meeting and what steps have been taken to boost exports in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The export strategy is constantly reviewed and modified as appropriate keeping in view domestic and international factors. The provisions of the new Import-Export Policy for 1988—91 are in line with the export strategy.

(b) and (c) At the meeting held on 21st April, 1988 with Export Promotion Councils, Chambers of Commerce and Commodity Boards etc. discussions were held mainly for preparation of unit level export action plans by exporters for increasing exports. A series of meetings is being held with individual units to follow up on the action plans submitted by them.

Aerial Seeding of Forest Areas in Orissa

849. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps the Central Government have taken for the aerial seeding of forest areas in Orissa;

(b) whether any such aerial seeding has been done so far; and

(c) whether the Central Government have any programme for aerial seeding of forest areas in Orissa at regular intervals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The State Government had carried out aerial seeding on an experimental basis in 1985-86 and 1986-87. As the results were not found encouraging, it has not been continued since.

Inflation in Metropolitan Cities

850. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the four metropolitan cities in India have not only posted double digit inflation during the twelve month ending April, 1988 but also registered higher rate than the All India Average of 10.4 per cent of the period,

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor: and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The All India index is based on average of 50 centres, and while

some centres show higher than average price rise, others show lower than the average rise. The higher increase in metropolitan cities may have been due to great pressure of demand during a year of drought.

(c) The specific measures taken by the Government to keep the price rise under check include enhanced distribution of foodgrains through Public Distribution System (PDS); strengthening of the PDS with the opening of additional outlets; import of essential commodities like pulses, edible oils and sugar; strict economy in Government Expenditure, mopping up of excess liquidity in the economy and intensive action against hoarders and profiteers.

मैसर्स जी० एस० इन्टरप्राइजिज, शालीमार पार्क, शाहदरा द्वारा बिक्री कर बकाया का भुगतान न किया जाना

851. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मैसर्स जी०एस० इन्टरप्राईजिज, शालीमार पार्क, शाहदरा, दिल्ली द्वारा रसीदों में बिक्री कर की प्रविष्टियां किये बिना ही खाना पकाने की गैस के चूल्हे / बर्नर / हाट प्लेट आदि की बिक्री की जा रही है, जिसके परिणाम स्वरूप बिक्री कर विभाग को प्रति वर्ष लाखों रुपये का नुकसान हो रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और कम्पनी के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव) : (क) जी, नहीं श्रीमान । किये गये सर्वेक्षण और बिक्री कर विभाग दिल्ली के पास उपलब्ध व्यापारी के पिछले रिकार्ड के अनुसार किसी प्रतिकूल बात का संकेत नहीं होता है, जिससे यह पता चले कि व्यापारी बिक्री को छिपाता रहा है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Bodies of those tortured to death by extremists in Golden Temple

852. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many bodies of those tortured to death by extremists in the Golden Temple Complex premises in Amritsar have been found by the Security Forces following the 'Operation Black Thunder'; and

(b) what are the details of arms and ammunition recovered from the Temple premises following the Operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Facts are being ascertained and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b Details are given in the attached statement.